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so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Dry winter forecasted: Alcohol policy suffers revision

By Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

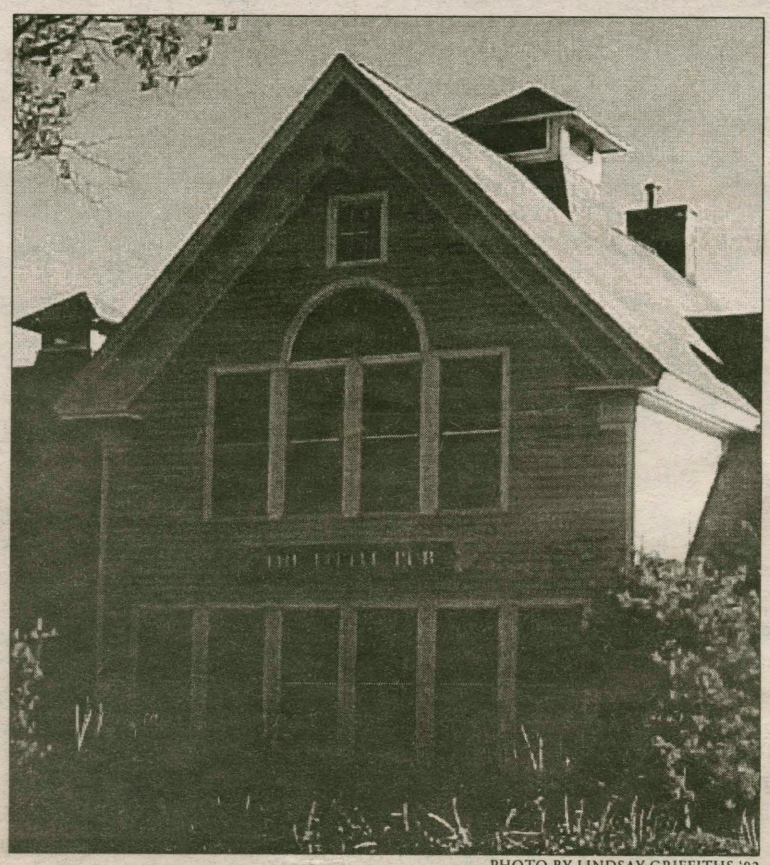
Since arriving at Hamilton this fall, many students might have heard the complaint, "No one is going to have parties this year now that the rules have changed." Despite the paranoia, only part of this statement is true. The rules have changed, but people will continue to have parties. The main question is where will the parties be held and how will they be conducted?

There are two dominant issues at hand. The first relates to the serving of alcohol in a social space, and the second to the capacity of the social space on a particular night. The administration met this past summer and created new policies regarding social programming. While students gave input in April through both an open discussion about college policies and the Committee on Social Programming Guidlines, many of these groups' representatives do not feel that the changes in the policy directly reflect the discussions held last year. Also, the members of these groups were surprised to see that the changes had been made so quickly.

Jenny Pope '01, a member of the Committee on Social Programming Guidelines, expressed her frustration, "We were told last year that these discussions would be continued in the fall. The process was supposed to be more prolonged and complete."

What were the changes made by the administration? Director of Student Activities Beverly Low held the annual Social Host Preparation Workshop this past weekend. This workshop is mandatory for those individuals or groups wanting to reseve a social space and have a party with alcohol. Over the course of the hour and a half workshop, attendees received a plethora of useful information, including the new changes made to the alcohol and social space policies.

Low began her discussion by saying, "The bottom line is: we need to work together to ensure that the events are safe, legal, and responsible." She went on to educate the group about the new regulations. Some of the more notable changes include the responsibilities of Social Hosts. In order to have a party with alcohol, at least one student who is 21 or older must sign a Social Host form. Under the new guidelines, Social Hosts will be held "personally and individually accountable for ensuring that the event is conducted in a safe, responsible, and legal manner" (Fall 2000 Guide to Social Programming, p 2). This includes not serving alcohol to minors or anyone who is visibly intoxicated. The new policy allows more than one social host per party, although all hosts will be held personally accountable for the party and the people attending. This means that all the Social Hosts must remain sober throughout the party, and at least one Social Host must be present at all times.



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Little Pub IDs will be required for alcohol consumption at all upcoming parties held in campus social spaces. The new alcohol policy reflects the College's concerns over liability.

Bracelets will be given at the door to those who are twenty-one and show a Little Pub identification card. Only those people with bracelets will be served. Also, if hosts or guests break regulations, both the host and the group as a whole will be responsible and disciplined in the appropriate manner. Campus Safety will be doing spot checks to ensure that all people present comply with these regulations and that there are no problems.

Another change refers to the guidelines about who can serve alcohol at parties held in social spaces. This year, students serving alcohol must have attended the Social Host Preparation Workshop, as well as TIPS training. The college will be offering five TIPS training courses over the course of this semester, free of charge, in order to ensure that Hamilton servers are educated about alcohol. Also, for parties that are held in the entire Annex combined, which has a capacity of 550 people, a catering service is required to provide and

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With flamboyant dress and beverages abounding, one could easily have mistaken last Saturday's Hamilton vs. Middlebury soccer game for a Mardi Gras party!

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ACCESS Project begins in spring

By Caren Monaghan '01
NEWS WRITER

When students return to the Hill after winter break this year, twenty new students will be joining them as part of the newly-developed ACCESS Project.

The ACCESS Project, co-directed by Professors Vivyan Adair and Erol Balkan, was created to help low-income parents improve their lives and the lives of their children through higher education, leading to a successful and satisfying career. Those accepted into the program will receive one year of free tuition at the College, in addition to many of the support services that are crucial to the success of these students, including assistance with transportation, child care, mentoring and tutoring, and access to computers.

"For the students who will attend the ACCESS Project, becoming a student means adding one challenging role on top of the role of being a full time parent. Our program is one of the few in the nation that we feel provides adequate attention and resources to the needs of the student-parent's family," said Support Services Coordinator for the project Kathe Jordon-Salzman.

To qualify for the program, applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, at least one dependent child in the home, and an income of less than two hundred percent of the poverty level, or approximately $1800 a month for a family of two.

Students will take four classes a semester, Monday through Thursday; on Fridays, students will be able to put time into their studies and to attend seminars on lifeskills and career planning.

Although there had been discussion of mainstreaming these students with other Hamilton students, it was decided that keeping them together as a group would provide the best possible support and atmosphere for learning.

The formal application process for the program is very similar to the regular process for admission to Hamilton. However, a new application had to be created to tailor to the needs of these particular students.

With an Emerson Grant and guidance from Professor Adair, senior Nicole Austin worked to create a suitable application form for the program. While most college applications focus on achievements in high school, these applicants must also answer questions about things such as their own work experience and their views on welfare, poverty, and education. Interviews are required for all applicants; along with conducting those interviews, Austin will also coordinate their orientation program.

"I hope Hamilton students get a real sense of community [from the project]. My hope is that they will somehow get involved, really make a difference for someone who wouldn't normally have the opportunity. I'm already seeing the enthusiasm in students, and I'm very excited," said Austin.

Those who are working on the project hope that it will serve as a successful model for other schools to follow.

"We want to show policy makers that education is a feasible way to get women off of welfare. If the program is successful, it can go a long way to affecting policy change," said Sharon Gormley, ACCESS Project Coordinator.

By getting parents off welfare and into successful careers, their children will have a much better chance of pursuing higher education and securing their own careers, thus ending the welfare cycle.

"Our goal is to stand together with our student body in their belief that higher education will enrich their lives and the lives of their children, both at the economic, sociological, and spiritual level. We appreciate the support and enthusiasm that is present for the ACCESS Project in the Hamilton community and the community at large," said Jordon-Salzman.

For more information on the ACCESS Project, there will be a presentation on Sept. 28, at 4 p.m. in the Red Pit of KJ. The presentation is open to the public.

Gun survey takes the safety off

By W.J. Gormley '01
SENIOR NEWS WRITER

It all started with a cocktail party.

Dennis Gilbert, Chair of the Sociology Department, was at a party, wondering what type of poll he should conduct for his upcoming class in Using Survey Research. While talking to Nan Arron, a friend who works for the Alliance for Justice, he came upon the idea of a poll that would asses the feeling of high school students toward the issue of gun control.

Fast forward to August 21, 2000 at the Washington press club.

Gilbert along with Scott Taylor '01 and Luciana Maxim'01 presented the results of the "Youth and Guns Poll" to a national press conference. The affair was carried live on C-Span and picked up by CNN, the major networks, the AP, and National Public Radio. For a few moments, members of our college community had thrust themselves into the national debate on gun control.

In a presentation on Wednesday, Gilbert, Taylor, Maxim along with Stacie Fitch '01, Jessica McGiff '01 and Alysia Mihalakos '01 reported the major findings of the poll to the Hamilton community.

According to Gilbert there were two major findings. First, it was discovered that High School Students have a high exposure to guns and the issue of gun Control. Secondly, the majority of High School students support basic levels of gun Control. In addition, one half of those students polled said it was easy to obtain a handgun and one out of three felt threatened by the presence of guns in their schools. One out of every four students polled knew someone who had been shot or shot at (outside of military service), in the larger metropolitan areas that number rose to 1 out of every 2 students.

High School students also supported a variety of gun control measures. A whopping 96% of students polled favored the registration of handguns. This is in contrast to previously conducted polls of adults where only 75-80% supported handgun registration.

Also interesting is that the majority of High School students supported the constitutional right to own a gun but also felt that basic gun control did not infringe upon those rights. Gilbert summed up the majority attitude by saying "[according to the responses] you have a constitutional right to own a gun but it is subject to constraints."

The poll was also remarkable because it showed that students were willing to take an active role in gun control. Gilbert remarked, "The majority of the students were willing to sign a petition and a significant minority were willing to protest and be more active."

The poll was the third in a series of national youth surveys conducted by Hamilton students and faculty and supported by the Levitt Center. The poll was administered by Zogby International to a national sample of 1005 High School sophomores, juniors and seniors. Zogby conducted the poll over the telephone form the period of June 2-5. The Poll is accurate to within plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Policy curbs weekday partying

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dispense alcohol.

Finally, the number of people allowed in social spaces on particular nights has been changed. With the removal of the Bundy Fishroom and North Court, the college has taken away the smaller social space options. Hearing the demand for smaller social spaces and wanting to maintain a certain level of decorum in Bristol Campus Center, which hosts several evening meetings and operates a guest facility, the college decided to limit the number of people allowed in the Hub to 100. The same 100-person limit will be enforced in Annex A and Annex B on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Bundy Hall is only available for parties with alcohol on Friday and Saturday. This means that parties that are held on campus on a Wednesday or Thursday night can only have 100 people each.

These are the biggest changes made to the policy this past summer. Responses to these changes have been mixed. Overall, students and the administration seem pleased with the increased effort to heighten awareness about alcohol. Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz explained, "I hope TIPS education will help end the negative effects of drinking, such as violence, illness, and bad choices. The campus can only benefit from increased awareness."

Pope explained a student's point of view: "I am glad that they are giving us the education and the responsibility to run our own parties and serve, but by limiting the capacity and availability of the social spaces, we feel like we are being punished." Pope expressed frustration because the administration did not wait and see how the changes in TIPS training and Social Host forms would affect the parties before beganning to limit the students' access to social spaces.

Members of large societies expressed other concerns about the changes. Larger societies feel that the weeknight restriction of a 100-person capacity will limit their interaction with the rest of the campus. While waiting in line to register for social spaces, one member explained, "For a society with 60 plus members, it would be impossible for us to have a party on campus during the week." For example, under the present guidelines, this group could not even have the members and their dates at a party on a Thursday night.

Also, many students have been wondering if the new guidelines will force people to party in their rooms or downtown.

When asked about the potential for this type of party to occur, Kantrowitz explained that she "did not anticipate much change in the number of students partying in their room," although she did admit that people partying in the halls would put the RAs in a tough position and require the staff to enforce school policies with disciplinary actions.

No one really knows what to expect from the new changes. While many seem to think that they were hastily made, these changes do ensure that the college is safe, legal, and responsible; this was established as the college's main goal.

Both Low and Kantrowitz understand that the changes are difficult to adapt to, and they encourage the campus groups to be creative and work together so that everyone at events can both have fun and be safe.

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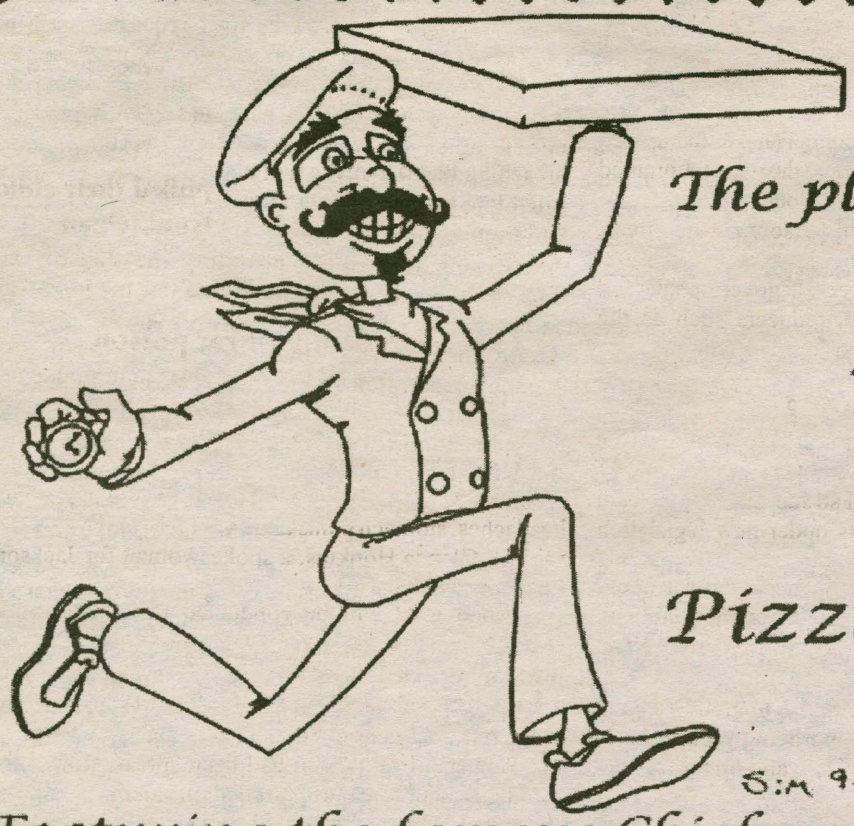

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Thailand bans the cane at schools

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Thailand is banning caning of students, a form of punishment long favored by teachers in Thai schools, officials said Wednesday.

Education Minister Somsak Prisnanantakul said the ban will take effect Nov. 1. He said he hopes it will put an end to what he called was "inhumane physical punishment" of students by teachers.

"If the teachers don't stick to the rule they could face punishment themselves. Teachers are supposed to be thoughtful, patient and caring," he said. He did not elaborate on the possible punishments for teachers.

Using a bamboo cane or ruler, Thai teachers commonly administer a thrashing to the hand or backside for bad behavior. Such punishment is also used in colleges and universities.

The harsh treatment has drawn criticism from child rights groups in recent years, but there has not been widespread protest here. That could be because Thailand's traditional Buddhist society places heavy emphasis on respecting elders and teachers and not disputing their word.

The Nation newspaper said the new regulations will require teachers to reprimand students, assign them extracurricular activities or place them on probation instead of beating them. College and university students will be subject to reprimands, activity assignments, probation, suspension and expulsion.

The ban drew a mixed response from teachers and parents.

Helping grandkids pay for college

DENVER (AP) — As many parents know, paying for their children's college education is often a financial nightmare. That's where many grandparents are stepping in.

"It's becoming almost a necessity for grandparents to help with the expense of college education," says Gregg Parish, an academic associate at the College for Financial Planning.

But help how? Grandparents face an array of choices, says Parish. For example, they can give money directly to the grandchild, pay tuition costs directly to the institution, donate to an education IRA, buy savings bonds, use taxable accounts, open a custodial account such as a UGMA (Uniform Gifts to Minors Act), set up a minor's trusts or use a prepaid tuition plan. Each choice has its advantages and drawbacks.

But the option that is becoming especially popular these days for grandparents who have some wealth to pass on is the college savings plan.

Although often referred to as 529 plans after a section in the federal tax code, the programs are set up by individual states. Parish emphasizes that "the state programs vary vastly in their terms," but in general, they operate this way.

Anyone — parents, grandparents, friends — can invest money in a particular state's college savings plan on behalf of a specific child. The plan may require that contributors be residents of the state, but many plans allow nonresident investors.

Taipei sends stray dogs to school

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Little Huang was once a lonely, flea-infested stray dog who wandered Taipei's streets, foraging for food and searching for someone to love him.

Now, the Beagle mix has plenty to eat and hundreds of masters who stroke his white-and-gold fur.

The frisky, floppy-eared mongrel, whose name means "Little Yellow," finally found a home — or rather, a school. He was saved by Taipei's "Love the Campus Dog," program, which allows high schools to rescue animals from the pound, where they are often mistreated.

The program has been so successful that Taipei's government decided this year to pitch in, providing $162 a year for every dog a school adopts.

By allowing schools to adopt dogs, the city is tackling a problem that was out of control about 10 years ago. Hundreds of mangy dogs — many with ribs showing, missing chunks of hair, festering sores and legs mangled in car accidents — wandered the streets, sullying Taipei's image as an emerging modern metropolis.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Christopher LaRosa '03

13 killed in Indonesia bombing

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A car bomb tore through a packed parking garage beneath Jakarta's stock exchange on Wednesday, killing at least 13 people, injuring 27 and shaking confidence in Indonesia's attempts to reform after decades of corrupt dictatorship.

The blast damaged or destroyed 400 vehicles in the garage filled with cars and drivers waiting for stockbrokers to finish work, said national police chief Gen. Rusdihardjo.

The 27 injured — many covered in black dust and breathing with difficulty, and others cut by flying glass — were brought into a nearby hospital.

Smoke filled the exchange's trading room and other offices, forcing the evacuation of about 1,000 workers.

Firefighters doused the flames and fumbled through the darkness of the three-level parking lot to pull out victims many hours after the blast. Most of the dead suffocated; some were found in the charred remains of their cars.

No one claimed responsibility for the blast, the deadliest in a series of unexplained recent bombings in Indonesia. The bombing was a major blow to efforts by President Abdurrahman Wahid to restore confidence in Indonesia's crisis-ridden economy and end violence across the world's fourth-most populous nation.

AP

An Indonesian firefighter faces a wall of smoke after explosion.

In the past, Wahid has complained bitterly that his opponents have used terrorist-like tactics to destabilize his year-old reformist government.

The attack occurred without warning 45 minutes before the markets closed. Hours before the afternoon explosion, the stock market's main index hit a 12-month low. After the blast, trading was suspended until Monday.

Report: France removes land mines

PARIS (AP) — France has eliminated land mines from its weapons arsenal and should press other nations to do the same, a report said Wednesday.

France won high marks from the National Commission for the Elimination of Anti-personnel Land Mines for destroying its arsenal of more than 1 million land mines by Dec. 20, 1999, more than three years ahead of a deadline specified in a 1997 treaty.

The treaty, reached in Ottawa, bans stockpiles of mines and commits participating nations to destroy stocks within four years and clear all mines from their territories in 10 years.

"The commission can affirm that France has effectively destroyed its entire stock of anti-personnel land mines as well as the materials used to make them," said the report submitted Wednesday to French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

The treaty specifically bans anti-personnel land mines, not anti-tank mines.

The treaty has been signed by 138 governments and ratified by 101. However, major producers such as the United States, Russia and China have refused to sign.

Africa trade to U.S. increasing

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been on the agenda of the government's Africa experts virtually every day for the past two months: How many of the 50 or so sub-Saharan African countries qualify for trade benefits under new legislation that will take effect at the end of the month?

Domestic and cross-border strife afflict many African countries, and there are even pockets of slavery on the continent. Officials say the debate over eligibility for the benefits has been feverish.

This past spring, Congress decided to upgrade Africa's status as an economic partner by approving legislation to give certain African products duty-free and quota-free access to U.S. markets.

Beforehand, Africa and Antarctica were the only continents where the United States did not have a trade policy. The great bulk of Africa's exports to the United States has consisted of oil from Nigeria and Angola. But with the passage of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, the prospects of wider African sales to American markets has increased.

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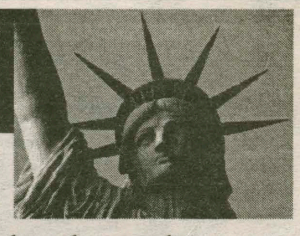

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Harry Potter contest rules changed

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The mayor of Ketchikan and schoolchildren around Alaska have forced Scholastic Inc. to change the rules for its Harry Potter writing contest — after comparing Scholastic to "Voldemort," the evil wizard that is Harry's rival.

Children from Alaska and Hawaii will be now be allowed to join those from the Lower 48 in vying for a chance to meet J.K. Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter series, in New York next month.

Judy Corman, a senior vice president at the publishing company, said a letter from Bob Weinstein, the Ketchikan mayor and father of a 9-year-old Harry Potter fan, made the company reconsider its stance.

"We gave it some serious consideration and thought and realized (Harry Potter) has changed lives everywhere," she told the Anchorage Daily News.

After reading a news story about the contest, Weinstein became so angry that he wrote Scholastic's president and chief officer Richard Robinson.

"Your company's treatment of Alaskans — particularly our children — as second-class citizens reminds me of the colonialist attitude which the federal government often displays to our state and residents," he wrote. "In closing, you can be like Harry Potter or Voldemort — the choice is yours."

Polygamists pull kids from school

COLORADO CITY, Ariz. (AP) — Hundreds of members of a polygamous Mormon splinter group have pulled their children out of the public schools along the Utah-Arizona state line — preparing, perhaps, for the end of the world.

Only about 350 students have enrolled in the four schools in the desert towns of Colorado City and Hildale, Utah, compared with 1,400 last year. Dozens of teachers belonging to the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have also quit.

They acted at the direction of Warren Jeffs, who speaks on behalf of his aged father, Rulon Jeffs, the church's prophet. In mid-July, Warren Jeffs ordered followers to take their children out of school and cut off contact with former church members.

Church members said they are taking charge of their children's education and schooling them at home, just like other parents across the country. Other people, particularly former members, said the Jeffs' followers are preparing for the apocalypse their leaders say is at hand.

AP

The Holt family pulled their children from school.

DeLoy Bateman, a former church member and a science teacher at the Colorado City high school, said church leaders are preaching that the towns will be lifted into heaven with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Around the twin communities, the End of Days is rumored to be either a few days or a few months away.

34 Fla. students ingest rat poison

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Thirty-four middle-school students apparently ingested rat poison that had been sprinkled on salsa, authorities said Tuesday. Two seventh-graders were being questioned.

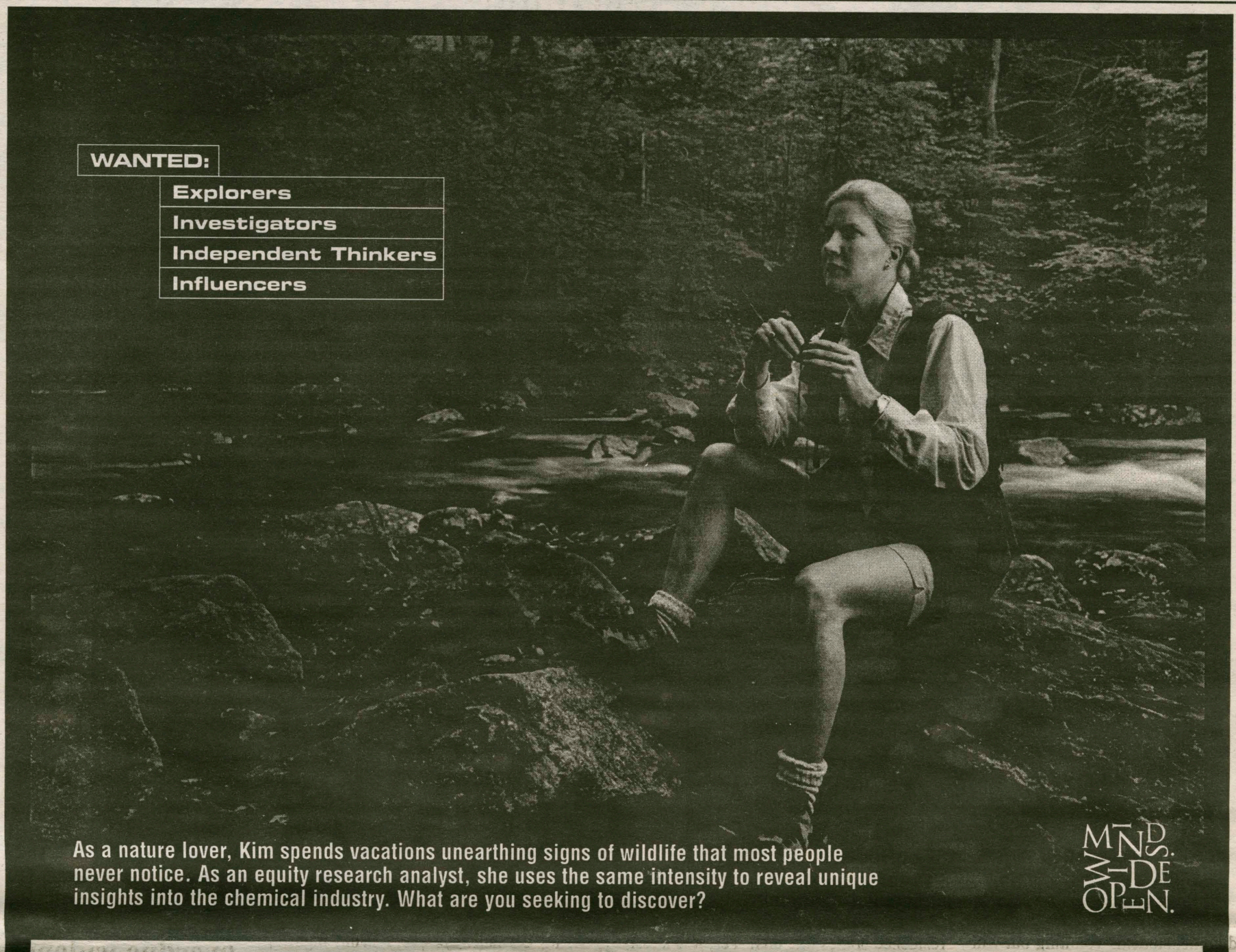
Fifteen students were taken to emergency rooms for headaches, stomach pains and nausea, but all were released, said Lt. Glenda Hopkins, a spokeswoman for Jacksonville Fire-Rescue Department.

Blood tests will be conducted to confirm what the students ingested, but Shands Jacksonville hospital authorities said the students apparently ingested small amounts of a rat poison called Talon-G. It is fatal to humans only in large, repeated doses.

Packets of rat poison had been spread around Paxson Middle School to control a rodent problem.

Principal Richard Scott said two seventh-grade students, ages 12 and 15, were being questioned by authorities about the incident. Their names were being withheld.

School officials did not elaborate on why the investigation focused on the two students or a possible motive. "As far as I know, it was not because of a fight," Scott said.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Insight & Ideas

Leaving a Legacy

Bryan J. McGrath

My name is Bryan McGrath and I am an Area Coordinator who works in the Residential Life Office. But I am writing this article as Bryan McGrath, who lives in Carnegie; Bryan McGrath, who eats with students in the dining halls; Bryan McGrath, who attends and performs at student activities; Bryan McGrath, who is a member of the Hamilton community.

Throughout my three years here, I have noticed a disturbing pattern in the behavior of Hamilton College students. Living on campus, I have experienced first-hand what alcohol, peer pressure, and a lack of respect can do to a college campus community. Aside from pleading with students to help change this disturbing behavior, I need to ask one simple question: What the hell are some students doing to themselves?

First of all, do students care about what happens to them? After all the incidents that have occurred in my three years here, I'm beginning to think no one cares about his/her own health and safety anymore. On any given weekend....hell, on any given weekday now...I hear of and see students getting dragged home, students vomiting out windows, students needing their stomach pumped at the hospital, students cheating death by surviving a blood alcohol content level of .2. And the scariest thing is that these students aren't even close to being of age! Which leads me to my next question.

Do students care what happens to any of their fellow students? Chances are these severely intoxicated first-year students were served by someone else who is of age and able to purchase alcohol. Who could let a fellow student, especially one who has little if any experience with alcohol, get in a potentially fatal condition?

I am very discouraged that there's no compassion on this campus anymore! I have gone to the hospital. I have picked up these students who were in extremely rough shape - these students who nobody paid any attention to at the party until they passed out. How can students let their peers get like this? Watch out for each other! Compassion also extends to interactions with neighbors and RAs. How can students scream down hallways at 3:00am? How can students crank up music at 3:00am? Whether students know this or not, it pisses people off! How can students threaten, harass, or make vulgar comments towards RAs? An RA is a fellow student, for crying out loud. They should never be treated with the disrespect that I see students giving them. Students can call me all the names they want; I don't care, but it is intolerable when students insult their peers.

Lastly, do students care about their surroundings? Too often, the residence halls and lawns on campus look like complete crap! How can students treat their environment like this? How can students treat their residence homes like this? Yes, it is a residence HOME because you are here for nine months out of the year.

How can students live in rooms and hallways full of vomit, broken bottles, trash, and puddles of who knows what? How can students consciously litter lawns with beer cans, bottles, garbage barrels, and trash from their rooms? Custodians work their tails off to clean up all of this, and then students go back and make the same old mess the next week! When students go home for breaks, do they leave their houses and neighborhoods in complete shambles, too? I don't think so. Well, dammit, treat Hamilton like your home!

As a member of this community, I am extremely concerned with the way a portion of students are leading their lives. Student behavior absolutely frightens me and the three years I have been here I have seen little improvement.

These students need to stop drinking themselves into oblivion, treat their peers and environment with respect, and take care of first-years! Is that so much to ask? It is so pathetic to know that each and every week, myself and the other administrators on-call, EXPECT AND RECEIVE at least one call telling us that a student was taken to the hospital because of intoxication. It happens on the average two times a week and the chances are it is a first-year who wasn't cut off when he/she should have been.

Hamilton is better and smarter than this. I understand students work extremely hard and, therefore, like to play extremely hard. But a portion of students seems to be living unhealthy lifestyles and their actions need to stop! Are students on such a low level of human development that we need to start policing the hallways every damn night? No, they're not. Students are all adults! And even though I try real hard to treat students like adults, I don't know if I should anymore. I am at my wit's end and don't know what to do!

I am pleading with students to take control of their lives, take responsibility for their actions, show some compassion to fellow students, and leave a better legacy here at Hamilton.

Gotta Love That Local Charm

J.P. LeBlanc

I am not an advertising executive and I have absolutely no education or experience in the subject. Normally, this claim would and should prohibit you from working in the realm of television commercials, certainly not creating them.

Yet here in the greater Utica market it appears to be perfectly acceptable. Not only is it acceptable, it is common practice to hand the pubescent assistant to the fryalator at McDonald's two grand and a camera and say "Hey, I'm a struggling, small business owner. Why don't you flush what little profit I make down the toilet with a commercial that makes Fred Carvel's raspy, asphalt induced voice-overs look like the genius 'Where's the Beef' Wendy's campaign of the 1980's."

I understand that these businesses do not have an endless well of cash to thrust into a dynamic advertising campaign. But I would like to think that someone, somewhere, would have chosen another jingle for Utica Savings Bank than the pro-marijuana ballad "Little Green Bag." Or maybe someone could have clued Erin of "Erin's Way Sporting" and Collectables that Buffalo Bills Zubaz are no longer Utica chic.

Then there's the always coy and cunning Don "the car salesman". The ad starts with a well-dressed gentleman perched atop a billboard. He looks earnestly at the camera and says "I could have been a doctor. I could have been a lawyer. But instead I became a used-car salesman." Hey, at least someone in this town can admit his failures. Just don't waste my time doing it.

Now Don "the car salesman" is not to be confused with Don from Forever Leather. It is widely accepted that Don's advertising is the measuring stick of the closely-knit Mohawk Valley advertising community. Don is often times filmed in his store in a variety of leather outfits, including a leather replica of Jeff Gordon's flame retardant racing suit. I have yet to see Don on the air this year, but I would like to believe that he is just taking part in SAG's endless strike.

Utica also seems to have an abundance of Public Service Announcements for the viewing public. My personal favorite is the one tells the audience "how to talk to your teenage daughter." I have a few bones to pick with the creators of this commercial.

Forst and foremost, where did the casting director find these actresses, the red-light district down on Bleeker Street? They not only possess little or no acting ability, but these women have a very poor grasp on the English language.

This commercial is littered with double negatives ("You can not go to the mall and not clean your room, or you can't not go to the mall and do not *not* clean your room."). And this was the *loving* mother-daughter version of the commercial. The angry version featured a six-pack of MeisterBrow, an RV, and a frying pan.

Let us not forget the loving and caring Tree of *Rattlebasket*. Tree has been in each and every PSA announcement for Planned Parenthood since my arrival on the hill in the fall of 1997.

Tree has just recently crossed over from radio PSA's to television. In her film debut, Tree is seen next to two women -- Abstinance and Chasitity. Now, just who is this Tree? Evidently she is the lead singer in a rock band *Rattlebasket*. Has anyone ever actually heard a song by *Rattlebasket*? I am very skeptical of this band's actual existence.

Tree is probably no more than the daughter of a local advertising tycoon in Utica. Rumor has it that her only musical experience is singing the national anthem in front of 367 fans (324 of which were existing in a functional blackout) at the local Blue Sox game in the summer of '95. Even then she was booed off the mound before the bombs had a chance to burst in the air.

For all you first years out there wondering if Fox's programming might get better in the future -- it doesn't. But at least the local advertisments are darn right silly.

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- Being under 21 on campus

Editorial

Election Day is fast approaching and dramatic changes may be on the horizon. It is very important for young people to remember to cast their votes this November.

In what is shaping up to be one of the closest presidential elections in modern history, Vice-President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush will battle to the bitter end to determine who will succeed President Bill Clinton.

Gore vs. Bush is not the only race that is stirring up interest this year. In fact, the United States Senate race between Long Island Congressman Rick Lazio and First Lady Hillary Clinton is fast becoming one of the most intriguing races in the country. The Senate race will also come down to the wire and no one is certain who will prevail.

Students have an obligation to vote. People fought long and hard to give 18 year-olds the right to vote and it is a shame that more young people today do not exercise their right to vote. Many students are apathetic, disinterested, or uninformed about the upcoming elections. What a pity.

Hamilton College has gotten involved in helping students become informed in a number of ways. Meredith Harper Bonham announced that the President's Office is sponsoring a voter registration drive for all students and employees next week in Beinecke. In addition, the Hamilton College Democrats and Republicans (along with members of the NY2K program) held an event in The Little Pub to watch the first senatorial debate between Lazio and Clinton on Wednesday evening.

Why are the November elections so important? There are countless reasons, but one thing to remember is that the next president will most likely nominate up to three Supreme Court Justices. As the only remaining superpower in the world, the United States faces difficult domestic and international decisions. In the twenty-first century, we will continue to play an important role in trying to make the world safe for democracy. The next President will continue to work for peace in the Middle East, Northern Ireland, and other regions around the globe.

Hillary Clinton in the Senate? It is an interesting thought. We recognize that not every student who reads this paper is registered to vote in New York, but we cannot ignore the Senate race in the Empire State. Never before has a First Lady run for political office, and Mrs. Clinton's attempt to win the seat being vacated by Patrick Moynihan breaks down a barrier that perhaps existed for too long.

And what of her opponent, Rick Lazio? Lazio, a Congressman from Long Island, was not the Republican Party's first choice to run against Mrs. Clinton. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was diagnosed with prostate cancer earlier this year and was forced to withdraw from the race. However, Lazio is an accomplished politician who will still provide Mrs. Clinton with a worthy opponent.

Both the New York Senate race and the presidential election are guaranteed to be very close races and it is imperative that students, faculty, parents, and alumni remember to vote in November. We will continue to follow these races closely and provide our readers with an interesting perspective on them.

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Letters

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Coming Together, Right Now

Is there a central forum on campus for students to be informed about what's happening with various rules or policies, such as bonus meals, cable, social programming, and curriculum? This is the question that prompted me to write this week. Where is our central forum? Where is our brain? There should be a place for students to go and find out about current events, whether it be concerts or places to go late at night. For example, from 2am to 4am, Friday and Saturday night, the pub is open to hang out, to play pool or to eat,

Seth O'Bryan

although closed for it's main service. However, it is a late night hang out where you can chat with people and be social, something we desperately need on this campus.

The Pub Late Night is a good start but there should be other places like this where you can learn what's happening on campus and hang out instead of vandalizing or being frustrated with people and having nothing to do. There should be a place to find out about other people's opinions, thoughts, and ideas. We need to know about what's happening here before it's too late to make a difference, before rules or policies are made that we disagree with.

Where are we coming together as a

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Social Deprogramming:
New Policies, New Problems

It is with great fear and disappointment that I look upon the College's new social programming policy. Last weekend, the annual Social Programming Guidelines Workshop was held and any organization or individual wanting to throw a party this year was required to attend. In time past this meeting has been a formality in which each group's social host is reacquainted with the alcohol policy and instructed of any changes. Not so this year. This year, students were assaulted with unexpected and revolutionary changes to our campus' social atmosphere.

JUSTIN TYLER

The days of autonomous campus parties are over. The freedom organizations once had to conduct social functions on their own terms has been eclipsed by strict regulation and outside involvement. Bracelets are now mandatory at functions with alcohol as a proof of age. Campus security spot checks will be conducted to ensure cooperation. Larger functions that employ the entire annex will require a catering service to provide and serve the alcohol. Regulations such as these point to the administration's lack of faith in the student body's ability to control themselves. The events of last semester scared the administration and these new policies reflect that fear. They don't trust us. They don't want to see a tragedy occur and they especially don't want the liability involved if such a tragedy does occur.

Unfortunately, these new policies are an overkill. The fear of an accident and the ensuing lawsuit has pushed the College over the edge and the community and social scene are going to pay the price. North Court and the Bundy Fish room are no more. The small weekday and group functions that used to occur there have one of two places to go: the Annex or the Hub. Unfortunately, the new restrictions call for a maximum capacity of 100 people in the Hub at all times and the same for the Annex on Wednesday and Thursday nights. How can campus groups open up to the community at large if they can only have 100 people in attendance, including their members? The only answer for these groups is to become exclusive with their invitations, carefully picking who they want and don't want to hang out with; as if this campus weren't cliquish enough. This move is an unfortunate leap backwards in fostering the unified campus that the administration claims they want.

The contradiction within all of this is that as the administration increases its presence in our social scene they pass the liability off to the individual organizations. If something goes wrong at a party, the new policies put all of the blame, and more importantly all of the liability, on the poor soul who signs the social host form. In other words, this individual must rabidly police every social function making sure that no one underage is drinking and ensure that no one goes beyond their limit of intoxication. This personal accountability is both unfair and impossible to accomplish. It is a cowardly move by the College and illustrates an unfortunate lack of understanding. Rather than working with the students, as ideas like a student security force and TIPS training encourage, the administration has backed the students into a corner. Any group that wants to throw a party must now contend with difficult to follow rules and a constant fear of liability and lawsuit.

So what does this say for the future of Hamilton College's social scene? I predict that a great deal of social life will move downtown, thereby putting the burden on local bars to police the students. Unfortunately this will most likely result in increased drunk driving, but of course that isn't the College's problem. Presumably students of age will be the only ones allowed to drink downtown thus creating another split in the overall community. And what about these underage students? If they can't go downtown and they can't go to parties in social spaces, where does that leave them? Dorm parties. Students will begin drinking in their rooms on the weekends thereby putting the burden on RA's to regulate them. The already astronomical dorm damage will increase and the students will have to pay the bill. Bigger parties will get broken up by security and only small quiet parties will thrive, perhaps drinking alone in our closets is the answer.

While that may be an exaggeration, it isn't much of one. This new alcohol policy has put a stranglehold on this campus' social life. Organizations like rugby will be unable to have their traditional post-game socials, which have never caused any problems. The comedy troupes may not be able to serve alcohol at all during their performances. Students that already complain of nothing to do on weekends will be longing for the days of old.

These policies reflect rash decisions made out of fear with no consideration of the repercussions. The administration has passed the buck: to the social hosts, to the RA's, to the local bars and ultimately to the students and ultimately the students are the ones paying the price.

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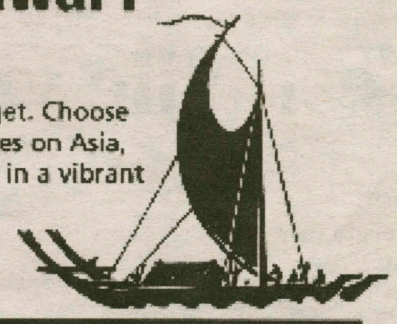

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student body, and on the bigger scale, as a community? Where are your complaints being heard outside of friends? How are you finding out about rule changes? Where are they posted? Email? Come on, we get 100 all campus emails a day, how can you keep track of them? The Spectator? A good start, but it can't do everything, it reports the news, but not all of it. It can't. The Daily Bull? All I see is jokes and web sites.

I want to know what you think. I want to know how we can come together as a school. Are you frustrated with the changing alcohol policies? Do you want to meet students other than those in your dorm or classes? Parties used to accomplish that, but now with parties being pushed off campus, things get a little more difficult.

This article falls short of my main point, and that is asking where and how we can come together, share our views, think about change if necessary, and at least get some idea of what is happening. Who are our leaders? Who is making these rules or changes,like social programming and meal plans. Mind you, these are only examples of something bigger. Is your voice being heard? Is there an outlet to share it? Are we a community? Because if we aren't sharing voices, other than scattered connections, we can't be one. How well are the relationships between faculty, students, and administration? What about among various ethnic groups, organizations and social circles?

I don't know where all this leads, I'll be honest with you. I feel like I'm talking about ghosts. I don't have a main point, I'm reaching for something and I'm not sure what it is. There are so many people here, whether you're looking at the world, country, or campus. We should attempt to be a community, a real community that reaches out to each other, the people we know, the people we don't know, are similar to and not similar to. Then we can attempt to understand what the point to all of this is: life, the meaning of life, calculus, history, reading for class, writing papers, whatever it may be, we can only hope to understand what is happening, who we are, and who the person is next to you.

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Science in the News

West Nile virus strikes close to home

By Hannah Stahle '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

First Uganda, then Egypt, and now upstate New York; it's getting closer. The summer's usual batch of bug bites could leave you a little more than itchy. The West Nile virus has made its way across the ocean and has been confirmed in a number of cases in upstate New York after an outbreak last summer in New York City. The virus, commonly known as encephalitis, causes inflammation of the brain. It can also cause meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord. It is caused by bacteria and is carried primarily by the common Culex species of mosquitoes.

The West Nile virus is one of many strains of the encephalitis infection. It originated in Africa, first found in a Ugandan woman in 1937, and is prevalent throughout Asia and the Middle East, only recently making its way to American shores sometime early last summer.

There have been several cases of birds, horses, squirrels, dogs, and even humans infected by the virus. Mosquitoes carrying the virus transmit the infection to birds and other animals. The encephalitis virus is carried in the salivary glands of the mosquito and is injected into the victim as the insect feeds. Once in the bloodstream, the virus is free to multiply during a three to fifteen day incubation period before the symptoms become apparent.

It appears that mosquito bites are the only form of transmission of the virus. There have been no reported incidents of bird to human or bird to bird infection. There have recently been several cases in which ticks were found to be carrying the virus, but it is not thought they are capable of transmitting the virus to their host organism.

First found in Uganda in 1937, the West Nile virus has made its way to upstate New York.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the symptoms of the virus are usually very mild and include slight fever, stiff joints, headaches, skin rash, and occasionally swollen lymph glands. These flu-like symptoms may last anywhere from a couple of days to weeks. More serious infections include symptoms such as severe headaches, lethargy, severely stiff joints, tremors, convulsions, disorientation, and paralysis.

Although the virus rarely manifests itself in such extremes, death is a possible result. The build-up of the encephalitis virus in the blood system of an infected person will eventually travel to the brain, causing severe inflammation and interrupting the functions of the central nervous system, resulting in death.

Those over 50 and very young children have the highest risk for developing more severe symptoms. The majority of New York City's West Nile virus outbreak victims were either elderly or in poor health. Young and healthy adults may contract the virus, but will most likely suffer only very mild symptoms, or none at all.

As there is no present vaccine or treatment for the virus, hospitalization and treatment of the specific symptoms appear to reduce the risk of death in severe cases. Testing is still underway to determine any possible long-term effects of contracting the virus. Other possible concerns are presently being addressed, such as the effect of the virus on a developing fetus.

Prevention of the virus can occur on various levels. Individuals can protect themselves from bites by wearing long sleeves and pants, preferably in light colors when outside. It also reduces risk to remain inside during the evening and early morning hours.

When you are outside you can protect yourself by applying insect repellent to all exposed skin surfaces and to clothes, as the mosquitoes can bite through fabric. The CDC says bug "zappers" and ultrasonic devices are not at all effective for deterring mosquitoes and burning citronella candles offers extremely minimal protection.

To further reduce risk, areas with free-standing water should be minimized as they provide ideal breeding grounds for these mosquitoes. While it is impossible to significantly lower the number of affected insects by this method, it is important in controlling the total population of mosquitoes.

There have been many surveillance groups set up to assess mosquito activity and to watch for signs of infection affecting birds and other wildlife. The CDC has set up investigative organizations to monitor the numbers of infected birds and other animals, including humans. They are gathering statistics to prepare for another emergence of the virus next summer, and to determine the full spectrum of the infection.

In an attempt to infectious mosquito growth, more direct methods are being instituted with the use of chemicals. A synthetic chemical known as Anvil is being sprayed over areas that have been identified as high-risk for the virus and where dead birds have been found. Anvil is a chemical that is non-toxic to humans and degrades quickly upon its release into the atmosphere. Public health officials assume the pesticide degrades after it kills mosquito larvae. One major concern with the chemical is that it cannot be sprayed over open water because it is toxic to fish. Anvil is also toxic to other insect species, including insects like honeybees.

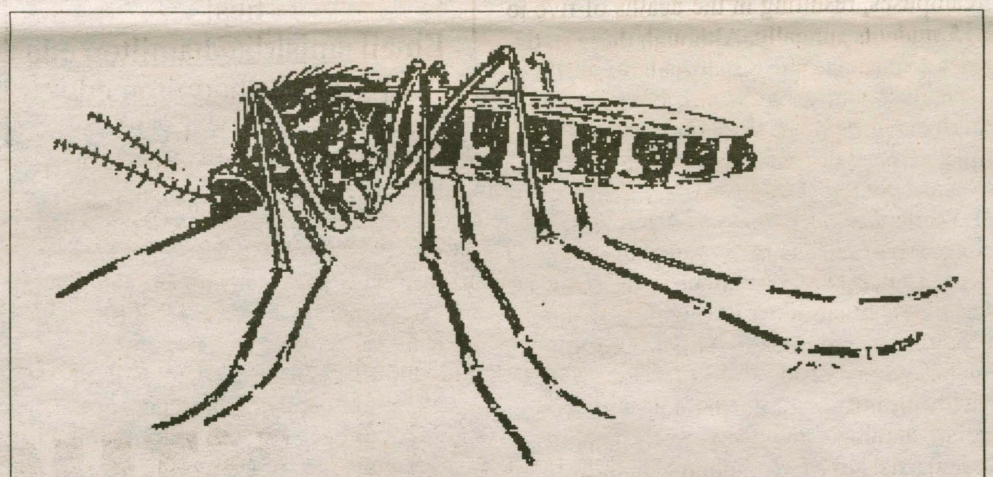
But some scientists on the hill are sharply critical of the chemical spraying that has been going on in Oneida County. Biology Professor Ernest Williams and Chemistry Professor Ian Rosenstein identify several health and ecological risks that may have been overlooked by county health officials.

No evidence of the West Nile virus has been found in Clinton.

"The Environmental Protection Agency has classified Anvil as a possible human carcinogen, meaning that exposure to it may lead to cancer," said Rosenstein in a letter written to the Observer Dispatch. Despite manufacturer warnings against sprayin within 300 feet of water, both the Utica Marsh and the Mohawk River were sprayed.

With the changing seasons, there will soon be little need for chemical spraying. After the first frost, many mosquitoes will be killed, temporarily alleviating the threat of the West Nile virus. There are, however, some adult Culex mosquitoes that will survive the winter.

Clinton, NY has not been directly affected by the virus and has not seen any of the chemical spraying. Dead birds are being sent for testing everyday though all tests have remained negative for birds from the Clinton area.



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Above: An illustration of the *Culex pipiens*, the common mosquito which is a carrier of the West Nile virus. The mosquito transmits the virus while feeding on other organisms.

Summer chemistry research

Compiled by Sinan Misirli '03
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There were many students who stayed on the Hamilton campus during the summer to conduct research on different subjects. The Chemistry Department employed a host of students working under several professors.

Professor George Shields, chair of the Chemistry Department, used computers to conduct biochemistry research with a crew of nine students. Using computer technology, Sam Bono'00, Sarah Taylor '03 and Lorena Hernandez '03, investigated pregnancy and lowered breast cancer risk, and six other students, Jennifer Derby '01, Beth Hayes '02, Jaime Skiba '02, Matt Liptak '03, Abby Markeson '04 and Emma Pokon '04 developed the ways to fight the addictive effects of cocaine.

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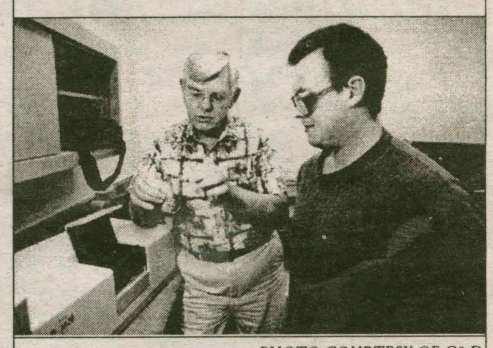
Above: Professor Shields and his research crew in front of the chemistry building.

Below: Chemistry Professor Robin Kinnel and John Hauptfleisch '02 examining the conditions under which butterflies lay their eggs.



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Professor Robin Kinnel worked with John Hauptfleisch '02 and Julie Rizzo '03 this summer. Hauptfleisch's project was a collaboration with Biology Professor Ernest Williams. Hauptfleisch studied the conditions under which Pearl Crescent Butterflies lay their eggs. They found that the butterflies prefer to lay their eggs on Aster plant species that contain a certain combination of the chemical germacrene-D.

Rizzo '03 worked on extracting biologically active compounds from the sponge *Stylotella aurantium*. The compounds Rizzo investigated have proven to have valuable characteristics, such as anti-cancerous properties. Her project involved proposing structures for these compounds.

Meningitis and college students: know your risk on campus

First years are 6 times more succeptible to meningitis than upperlass students

By Kristin Patrick '03
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Unless you have been consciously avoiding all public buildings on campus this semester, you have probably noticed flyers and handouts publicizing the dangers of meningitis. At first glance one may think that "The Meningitis Patient" is the next movie playing in the KJ Auditorium, but these "movie posters" are actually part of a campus-wide education campaign to inform students about the disease and the available precautions to ward off infection. Although to many the campaign's gimmicks may seem corny, the disease itself is quite a serious matter.

Meningitis, an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord, is a rare but potentially deadly bacterial infection. The disease is most commonly caused by three bacteria: *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. These are pathogenic (disease causing) microorganisms that are the leading causes of blood infections in humans. While meningitis is the most common disease brought about by these bacteria, they have been known to cause other syndromes such as pneumonia and brain inflammation.

Meningococcal disease, commonly known as meningitis, is primarily characterized by flu-like symptoms, including fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, and lethargy. If left untreated, the disease can cause hearing loss, learning disabilities, limb amputations, kidney failure, permanent brain damage and in some extreme cases, death.

Incidents of meningitis among teenagers and young adults have more than doubled in the past 10 years.

The bacteria are spread through the air by means of respiratory secretions (i.e. sneezing, coughing, etc.), as well as direct contact with an infected person, which includes oral contact such as sharing drinking glasses and cigarettes, as well as more intimate contact such as kissing.

Worldwide, meningitis has the potential to devastate populations during widespread epidemics. Meningitis frequently strikes the region known as the "meningitis belt," which extends across sub-Saharan Africa from Ethiopia in eastern Africa to Gambia on the west coast, an area of the world inhabited by over 260 million people. During these epidemics, the attack rates for the disease are approximately 1 in every 100 individuals. In other words, roughly 2.6 million people are infected in a single epidemic. Although more common in developing countries, meningitis outbreaks have also been reported in nations such as Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Norway and New Zealand.

According to the American College Health Association (ACHA), approximately 3,000 Americans are infected with the disease each year. It is estimated that 100 to 125 of these reported cases occur on college campuses, resulting in the deaths of five to 15 students annually. Although these statistics do not appear to be particularly startling, scientists who have been tracking the disease have reported a disturbing increase in the number of meningitis outbreaks in the United States. Twenty-six outbreaks were reported between 1994 and 1996, a significant increase from the 21 outbreaks reported in the 13 years prior. Furthermore, incidents of meningitis among teenagers and young adults have more than doubled in the past 10 years.

Meningitis bacteria can be transmitted by sharing cigarettes and drinking glasses with an infected person.

This information is particularly relevant to freshmen living in residence halls, who are at a risk six times greater than upperclass college students. Furthermore, data suggest that those frequently exposed to cigarette smoke as well as those who partake in excessive alcohol consumption are also at higher risk for infection. It is also suggested that students who suffer from immune system deficiencies (i.e., HIV, absent spleen, antibody deficiency), as well as students planning to travel to areas of the world where meningitis is prevalent, be vaccinated.

In an October 1999 statement, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advised college students, especially those who live in dormitories, to consider vaccination in order to reduce their risk of contracting the disease. The vaccine is an injection of weakened bacteria which cause the body to produce antibodies. These antibodies ward off infection if the individual is subsequently exposed to the disease. With regards to the four strains of meningitis, the vaccine is said to be 85% - 100% effective, and is relatively safe, with recipients experiencing minor side effects such as redness and soreness at the injection site, usually lasting only two days.

In light of the heightened national awareness regarding meningitis, the Health Center has publicized the availability of the vaccine on campus. Lucille McDermott, Director of the Health Center, has recommended that Hamilton students discuss the possible benefits of vaccination with their parents and their private health care provider.

This week, the Health Center held two clinics offering the vaccine. Due to limited availability of the vaccine, additional shots will have to be ordered. The Health Center will continue providing the vaccine in future months, if requested, for $60.

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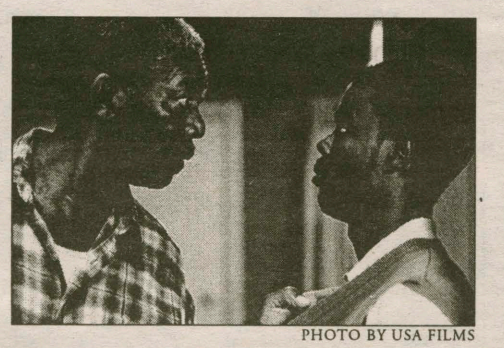
Arts & Entertainment

Spectator At The Movies

Nurse Betty is a loopy comedy, but lacks a script

By Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER

Betty Sizemore is a cute, pleasant woman married to a corrupt man who hates her, and, yes, she can't tell the difference between reality and her favorite soap opera, "A Reason to Love." If there is one thing the new film *Nurse Betty* can boast, it is originality. Never before has a director and a writer made an odd, completely detached film that immerses itself totally in the nation's obsessions with popular culture. Neil Labute (*In the Company of Men, Your Friends and Neighbors*) creates a film that is totally unlike his other two films, yet it is strange enough to rival his past two efforts.



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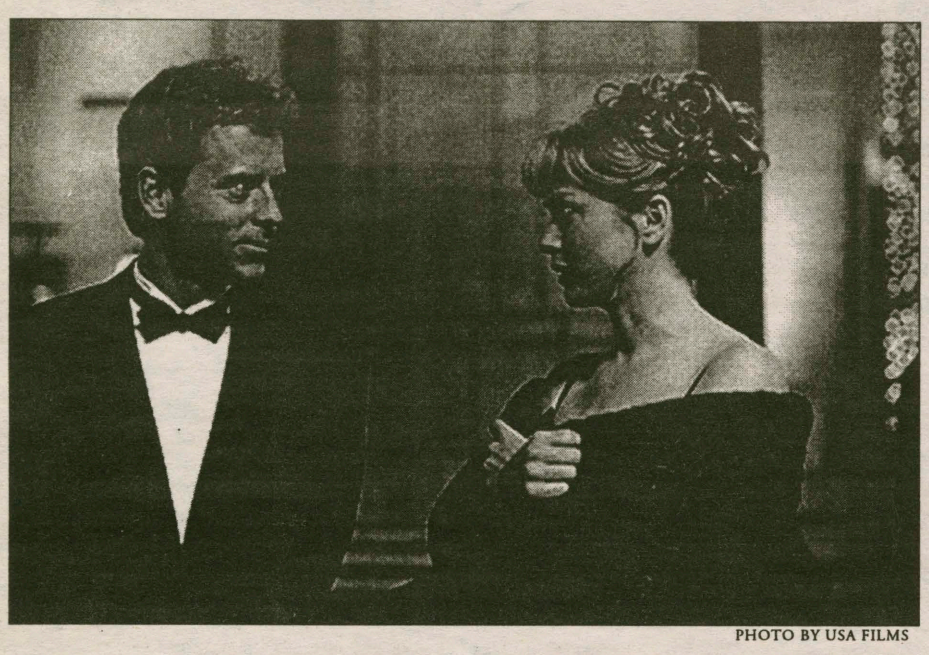
Freeman and Rock in an argument in Neil Labute's *Nurse Betty*.

Renee Zellweger is Betty, a waitress in a small Kansas town. When her good-for-nothing husband (Aaron Eckhart, *Erin Brockovich*) brings home a bad drug deal, Betty snaps, escapes into her fantasy, and takes off to find her true love. A host of problems follow her across the country, including the undeniable fact that her true love, whom she thinks is a star heart surgeon, is in fact a sexy actor (Greg Kinnear) on a soap opera. Two disgruntled drug dealers (Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock) are tracking her down to find the last big stash, left undisclosed by Betty's husband. Rock and Freeman are excellent together, playing off each other beautifully and with continually funny results. Freeman has a rare quasi-romantic role, and he takes it to new levels of comedy. Zellweger perfectly radiates the post-traumatic bliss that encompasses Betty, and she shines with a happy luminescence that is hilariously ignorant.

However, something in the film is lacking. The script is weak, and watching Betty reach the heights of delusion is unbelievable. It is hard to imagine that someone couldn't wrench her from her imaginary world, yet everyone in the movie accepts that she is searching for a totally fictional daytime TV character. Some try to set her straight, and after they fail, they don't bother to try again or to get her some professional help. Suspension of disbelief is a must when watching this film, and even then it is difficult to imagine the events taking place. The movie has some highly funny scenes, mostly involving Rock and his cynical ranting. The movie has some endearing moments as well. One redeeming quality about the movie is the cast, which boasts some great character actors such as Crispin Glover (*Back to the Future*), Pruitt Taylor Vince, who seems to be present in almost every movie nowadays (*The Cell, Heavy, Beautiful Girls*), Tia Texada, and Alison Janney (*American Beauty, Drop Dead Gorgeous*).

Nurse Betty is a loopy and at times totally inconceivable comedy that still manages to entertain. The film is a satire on our ability to lose ourselves in something so banal as a soap opera, and it makes us hopeful that we won't sink to the level of preoccupation that Betty has.



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Sexy soap star (Kinnear) courts bubbly Betty Sizemore (Zellweger).

Not One Less is determined and rich with emotion

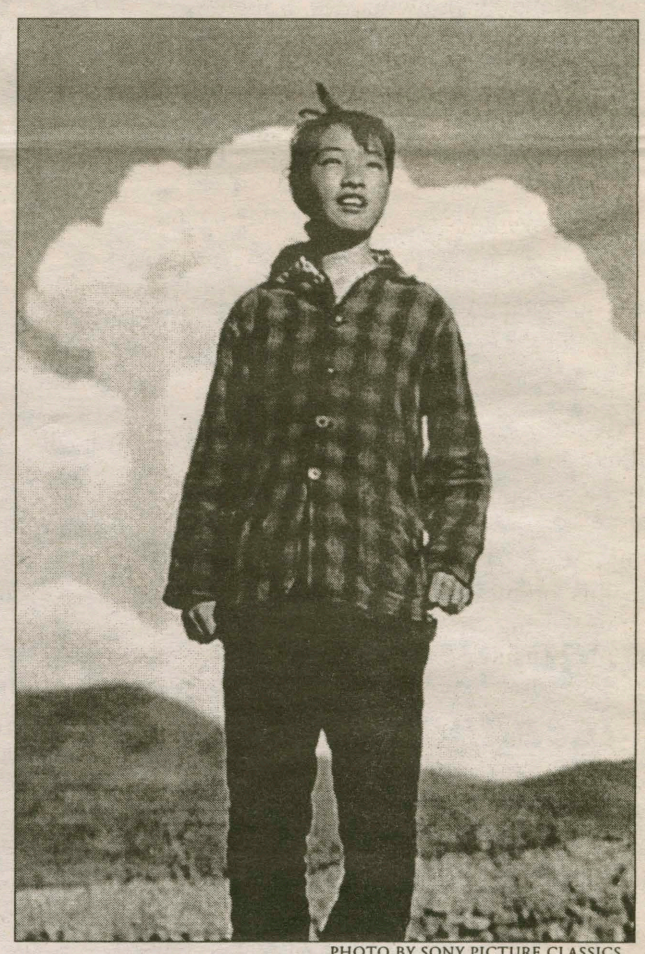
By Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

Not One Less, directed by Zhang Yimou (*Raise The Red Lantern*), is the touching tale of a 13-year-old (Wei Minzhi) who substitute teaches at a remote village school when the village's regular teacher, Gao, is called away to tend to his sick mother.

The film begins with Wei being led to the school by the mayor of the village. She follows the mayor just like a child, running to keep up with the faster-walking elder. Wei appears more like an innocent student rather than a teacher responsible for 25 students.

Wei immediately finds resistance from her students, in particular Zhang, a ten-year-old nuisance who thrives on confrontation. Her situation gets worse when Zhang leaves the school to find work in the city to help support his family. Wei, who is promised a paid bonus if she maintains the complete roster until Gao returns, decides to go to the city to find Zhang. Wei and her students find ways to raise money (like moving bricks for a construction company) to buy a bus ticket to the city. It is during this time that Wei begins to mature and teach her students mathematics and problem solving.

Despite the hard work of Wei and her students, they are unable to raise enough money for the bus ticket. Determined to find Zhang, Wei walks to the city, a journey that takes days. Wei reaches the city and begins her search for Zhang. However, the city is more congested than the village, and finding the boy is much harder than she calculates. After days of searching, Wei is broke and down on her luck, but her search continues on sheer determination until the dramatic ending you will not want to miss.



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Wei Minzhi plays a determined substitute teacher in Zhang Yimou's *Not One Less*.

There are problems with the plot. The film never completely explains why Wei travels to the city to find Zhang. Does she need the paid bonus that bad? If so, why is it not explained in the beginning? Then again, *Not One Less* is not a plot-oriented film. Her search is not only for Zhang, but also for herself. She is searching for her soul. The search is a continuation of her personal journal from a scared thirteen-year-old to a mature teacher.

Not One Less also wonderfully contrasts Wei to those who live in the city. During her search for Zhang, Wei makes signs that contain information about the boy (height, weight, the color of his clothes), and they say to contact the village if Zhang is found. A man approaches Wei and tells her the signs are no good. He asks her who to contact in the village, and what the phone number of that contact person is. In the village, the information on the signs is sufficient, but in the city, it gets Wei nowhere.

It is this aspect of the film, and not the plot, that I like about *Not One Less*. It is about the internal struggle of Wei and the difference between village life and city life. Furthermore, the director uses amateur actors who use their real life names to play the parts of the main characters. This illicits truer emotions from the cast and makes the film appear more realistic.

Not One Less is well acted (especially by Wei Minzhi) and well directed, and the background scenery is majestic. This film is a great video rental.

The Art Club is back, and newly revised

By Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

What started last year as an experimental club with little funding and a small membership has turned into one of this year's larger organizations on campus.

The art club, headed by Mitchell Morse '02, is now 63 members strong and growing. To be a member of the art club, there are no requirements. All you need is an appreciation for and an interest in art.

Last year, the art club did little more than critique art. Expansion seems to be the art club's word this year. Its goal is not just to expand its membership, but to broaden its activities on campus. During the art club's first meeting last week, a number of possible activities were mentioned. Some of those included outdoor drawing sessions, body painting, creating a mural, organizing a fashion show and organizing trips to New York City or Montreal to visit art museums, and critiquing other people's artwork. They would also like to throw parties, bring artists to campus, take a trip to a fashion show, and hold workshops.

Though Mitchell Morse has taken charge in organizing meetings, he is adamant about including everyone's ideas in the art club's yearly plans. There are no officers. Everyone is equal. Everyone has a voice, and everyone helps organize.

"It's what we want it to be and what we want to be about," Morse says about the new and improved club. "This club was formed on the basis of art appreciation. Hopefully, it will help people learn to do something artsy."

The only thing holding the art club back is money. They have so many ideas, not all of which can be funded. To alleviate this problem, the club plans to fundraise using their artistic talents. Some fundraising possibilities include characature drawings and other types of artwork on campus.

Another goal of the art club is to be more educational. "We want to get out there and merge ourselves into different forms of art. We want to see what's out there," Morse said. Members of the organization should be able to learn more from each other than from anyone else. Each member is interested in different forms of art. One member enjoys water color painting and dance while another member specializes in figure and fashion drawing. Others enjoy photography, oil painting, acrylic painting, landscapes, ceramics, and music. One member even specializes in bringing Three-D out of the flat.

With the art club, you get a variety of different students with a variety of different interests, but they all have one commonality. They love art and want another avenue in which to express their work. The art club is that avenue, and with sufficient funding and dedicated members who are willing to put forth the effort, it could emerge as one of the more popular and prolific organizations on campus.

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by Amy Kopriva '02 & Cristen Sargent '01

A little privacy.

An elusive commodity of community living, everybody wants some. You, me, and that guy down the hall learn each other's dirty secrets whether we want to or not. Similar to the fate of sardines, students live on top of one another, which leads to the realization that compromise, adjustment, and a good sense of humor are key. It is a given that we have limited living space, yet Hamilton students get creative - they disassemble, construct, push, pull, and cram - in order to minimize crowding and maximize life in the college's residence halls.

HOME SWEET HOME?

The Rooms: Or, How to Eat, Study, Sleep, Talk and Party in a 9 x 9 Space

Whether they live in the closet-sized North triples, the campus-tour-showcased South quads, or the mansion of Rogers Estate, everyone's goal was to make the best of what they had and to have a good natured sense of humor about the infamous "coziness" factor. The prevailing attitude was best expressed by Jeffrey Batt '02: "It is not the amount of space that matters, it is who you share it with. If you are with people that you want to be with, then it doesn't matter." Batt, who lives in a six-pull in South, is satisfied with his room, but admitted that even without a welcome mat, oftentimes the room gets crowded with overnight guests. He said, "We always have random people staying here- I call them tenants."

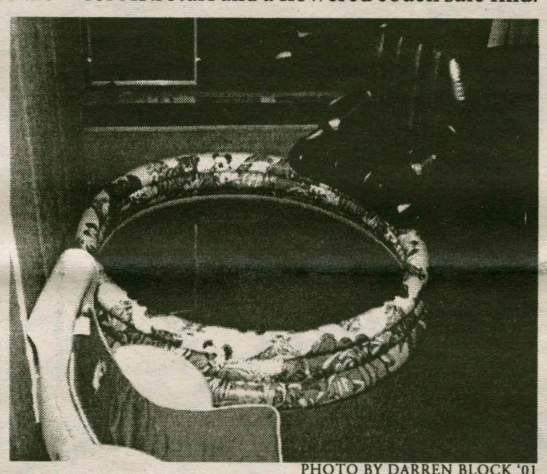
For some, Jeff's pad sounds like paradise, like first years Obio Matias '04 and John Mandes '04, inhabitants of a Dunham quad. When asked about the quality of campus housing, they said, "Well, the South quads are really nice." Louis Brasso '04, who lives in North, did not bother to beat around the bush, saying, "I figured that for 32K they could do better than this, but so far it has all worked out. The building is really pretty on the outside, but what happened on the inside?" Remember the importance of a good sense of humor toward "community living?" Mandes does. He said, "[My roommates and I] find it amusing that some doubles have two rooms and so do quads."

Some people utilize space outside their rooms to alleviate cramping and privacy issues. Just ask John Henninger '04, " We have enough space for the four of us. We just go to the lounge or outside for privacy." Many people found that after a little improvisation and time spent getting to know their roommates, they found ways to make their rooms more livable. North resident Katie Poulin '04 said, "When we first got here, we were like, oh no, but now its great. I am lucky, I have cool roommates." Fortunately, some people do not need to compromise because their humble abode is, well, not so humble. Rogers Estate resident Adrien Moseley '01 said, "We are so spoiled down here."

Second-Hand News

What students fill their tiny space with reflects their priorities. Most put a premium on sitting down, because after what we saw, we're thinking about taking out stock in a futon company. Black, striped, without a frame, covered in cigarette ash, or touched off with accent pillows and throws, there are a ton of futons here. They are a cheap, low maintenance way to create extra (albeit lumpy) sitting and sleeping space. Many rooms also sported new-to-them couches picked up at the campus furniture sale earlier this year. Poulin and her roommates found a chair that fits perfectly in the corner of their common room. In Milbank 37, Megan Stasz '01, Erica Simpson '01, Kate Nelson '01, and Mary Ellen Martino '01 decided to lose their common room's couch cushions and put a used couch there instead, making a "lofted couch." A kind janitor in South scrounged up a table and two-person couch for Liz Evans '02 and Sheri Nastasi '02 of South 108, while the girls down the hall have two futons side by side. Chris Short '04 and his quadmates in North were happy to discover that the college bookstore sold inflatable chairs; they bought two.

Kris Gerardi '02 and Tim Fossett '02 bunked and lofted their beds and put a dresser in the closet at Eells in order to make room for Astroturf and a flowered couch sale find.



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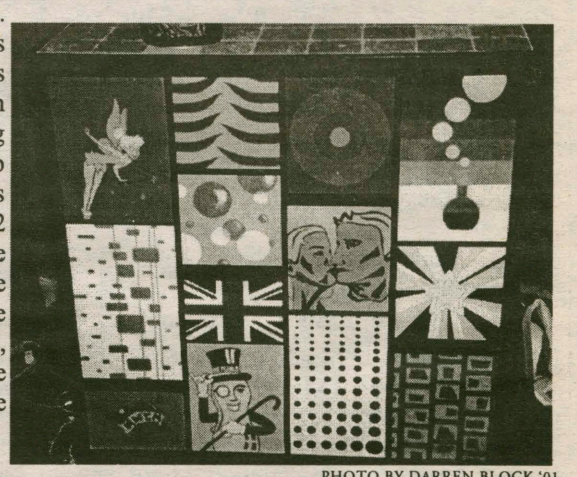
It's hot in here! Kiddie pools make their debut on the Hill.

"It gives the room some character," Gerardi said. Eric Boyce and company in Milbank 30 devoted an entire wall of their common room to Playstation, while a car race carpet graced the hallway leading to the bedrooms. A quad of first-year guys in Dunham have affixed a microwave and fridge together with ducktape to create a homemade "microfridge" to abide by Res Life's one-appliance-maximum.

How to Get Some (Privacy, That Is)

So now we have our rooms filled with all kinds of stuff. But what about keeping the stuff in, and unwanted visitors out? Although we, as investigative reporters, were greeted kindly as we passed through their suites, the overall consensus was suiteowners resent their inability to lock the main doors. As Simpson pointed out, "It does not make sense for people to use your apartment as a hallway." Cristina Freyre '02 agreed, "You should be able to lock your suite door. It would give you more privacy, and it is safer." Even non-suite residents sympathized with the suiteowner's plight, including Justin Stein '01, "I imagine that it would be awful, people can just walk in all the time." Although all suites are equipped with cabinet padlocks, many people wish they did not have to have their belongings under lock and key. Yet the need prevails, as revealed by Megan Stasz '01, who said, "We caught DU brothers in our fridge trying to steal food last weekend. I think they were just in the wrong suite."

Other than security concerns, the other main privacy issue was phone access. Poulin explained the secret to success in her triple, " The cordless phone is key- we can sit on the windowsill in the hallway or go outside. Deciding whether to get off the phone if a beep for your roommate comes has been as issue, though." Katy Connor '02 agreed, "We have no privacy because we are on the corner. Patio space outside our room is good for phone conversations." For Steve Kenney '02, the answer to any question about the quality of Eells life was, "It would be better if it was a frat house."



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Cocktails With Style: A hand-painted bar adds character to a common room.

The Hook-up Question

So, changing clothes without an audience is rare, talking on the phone without one even rarer. But what about that morally questionable staple of college life that, in the vast majority of cases, is definitely not a group activity -- the hook-up?

Time alone in the bedroom seems to be a point of contention in most triples, quads, and six-pull residents interviewed. "We just walk through - the other night my roommate was making out with this girl - and you just walk through. There is no privacy here," said one first-year male occupant of Dunham.

And while the roommate in action might not mind the loss of sleep, his or her cohabitants certainly do: "We've had no problems with girls, but the guys down the hall do," said a resident of North. "One guy was stuck in our room till all hours of the night."

"Girls would be the issue," said another first-year male Dunhamite. "Everyone else knows not to go in; you see the whole party go out into the hall. You just can't go to bed until way later."

Some caring roommates seem to recognize others' occasional need for physical gratification. "We're all good friends," said a South resident. "If one of us is hooking up we just try to be considerate."

Who Rocks the Party That ...

Here, students have the commendable ability to fit everyone they know into their rooms when it comes time to party. While most people wouldn't want to get their groove on amidst such cramped conditions, Hamilton students aren't deterred.

In an already small common room, one quad of first-year guys donated roughly 25 percent of available floor space to a beer pong table. This move also included covering one desk, but to these table athletes, the sacrifice was nothing: "Beer pong is my sport," said one roommate.

Other students create fun sans alcohol: Some residents of the Rogers Estate have installed a Slip-n-Slide in the yard. "We invited people over when it was hot," said proud owner Cameron Larson '01. "I think they wanted to see how close they could get to the building."

Anthony Diamond '02 seemed to hit the nail on the head, when he maturely observed that it is predominately first-years who use their rooms for entertainment and partying.

"I think it helps that the [first-year] girls are the next floor up," he said. "Especially with freshman, things get crazy when they're together. Lots of running around."

When the older students escape to the bars and social spaces at night, it leaves the first-years alone in the dorms to get into situations like this one: a quad of guys in Dunham has managed to alienate themselves from a room of girls living a floor below, when on a slow day, they decided to go fishing for bathing suits. One of the girls had her suit out on the window ledge and the guys rigged up a pole with a yo-yo and a hanger and managed to scoop up the suit.

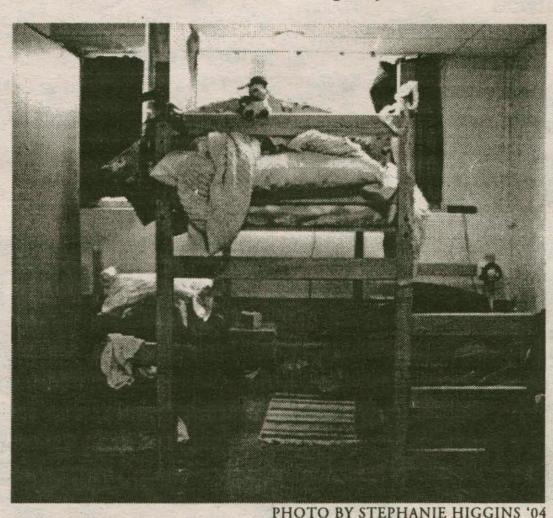

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HIGGINS '04

One room goes geometric with an innovative bunkbed arrangement.

The idea for this article came when the authors noticed a bunch of first-years having a blast in Dunham one afternoon, just talking and laughing amongst dressers stacked to the ceiling and doors that couldn't open all the way. We wondered, How do they cope with such limited space? So we asked a bunch of you. Walking through the dorms last weekend, some people thought we were absolutely nuts, but most had something to say about their rooms. We may not have discovered anything profound, but we were impressed with the lengths people go to get a little more comfortable in the 9 x 9 spaces they'll call home for the next eight months.

Women's Cross Country ranked sixth in Division III after easy defeat of Union

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

As expected, the women's cross-country team defeated Union College with a perfect score of 44-15 for the third year in a row.

They accomplished this even when the course had become soggy after several hours of morning rain.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "I thought that the women ran well as a pack and did not let the adverse conditions negatively affect their performances. Fortunately, no one suffered any injuries on the wet grass."

First year runner Kate Nelson '01 had a tremendous first race with a first-place time of 18:20.8.

Nelson said about the team's performance, "I'm really psyched with how we did on Saturday! We worked so well together; supporting each other and helping each other stay focused, despite the rain and subsequent delays. We ran hard and had fun at the same time."

Jen Cammarano '03, Alyson Grant '04, Annie Toth '02, and Sarah Bardenett '04 finished second through fifth, with times of 18:30.9, 18:50.1, 19:19.4, and 19:56.2, respectively.

Toth said, "The team started off the season on a high note. Many of the new runners were pleasantly surprised with their performances. It's obvious that people worked hard over the summer."

The next runners to finish were co-captain Liz Guancial '01, who finished seven seconds behind Union's #1 runner.

Lauren Perkins '04, sophomores Tricia Kowalski and Isabel Ezrati, and Lara Clemenzi '04 came in eleventh, twelfth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth places, respectively.

The Continentals' dominating performance elevated them to number six in the Division III rankings, up from number eight the previous week.

The team's first real challenge should be this weekend at RPI, which is an improved team from last season. In last year's meeting between the two, the Continentals had six of the top seven finishers.

But, as Coach Hull said, "RPI had some runners abroad last year and should be strong. It's hard to know what to expect from its runners."

Christine Campbell '04 returns to the team this weekend after a lower leg injury and should make a significant contribution, as should new runners Becca Walker '02 and Marisabel Portillo '03.

Co-captain Emily Hill '01 will not be returning for several more weeks because of recent wrist and elbow surgery. She will be back very soon.

With the team's strong performance against Union, it expects to continue its success against RPI this weekend and at the Williams Invitational next weekend, which will have some of the Northeast's top runners.

Men's Cross Country Starts Strong

By Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's cross country team started out of the gate strong last Saturday, scoring an impressive head to head victory against Union College.

The meet was one sided, with Hamilton winning 50-15. All top five finishers were Continentals. Nate Arnold '03 took home first place honors, finishing with a time of 27 minutes 39 seconds.

Rounding out the top five were Mac Weiss '02, with a time of 27:43, Scott Taylor '01, 27:47, John Damaske '02, 28:06 and Ned Marcalus '02, 28:19. Coach Brett Hull was pleased with the results, and is looking forward to a big year.

"We held the pack together well near the top. Nate ran a good race. We will have similar goals next week against RPI. We want to hold the pack for 2-3 miles, maybe longer, and finish strong."

Regarding future meets, Hull commented, "We have high expectations. Our guys trained great in the summer and if we keep working hard, we could have a very solid season."

Arnold, who had an impressive freshman season, wanted to talk more about upcoming meets.

"We're happy with the way we ran. We're trying to keep our splits even. I think it's good that we are running on our home course three times this year. It will be easier for us to compare our performances. We know where the hills are, and we will use the course to our advantage."

Also of note, Steve Guditus '01 ran very well, finishing seventh overall at 28 minutes, 37 seconds. Gudidtus was injury prone last year, but looks ready to put his injuries in the past this year.

"Steve is 100 percent healthy. He's worked hard and had a great summer in terms of getting himself ready," coach Hull remarked.

The core of this team has been together for over a year, and this could be a very eventful season for the Continentals.

Captains Sam Brown '01 and Guditus, and Taylor, Arnold, Damaske, Marcalus, Paul Jones, and Karl Bressler will lead the Continentals against RPI next week, and in the Williams Invitational the following week. The first home meet will be the Hamilton Invitational, October 7.

The schedule will become tougher throughout the year, with the NESCAC championships, State meet, and possibly the NCAA's on the horizon, if the Continentals run well.

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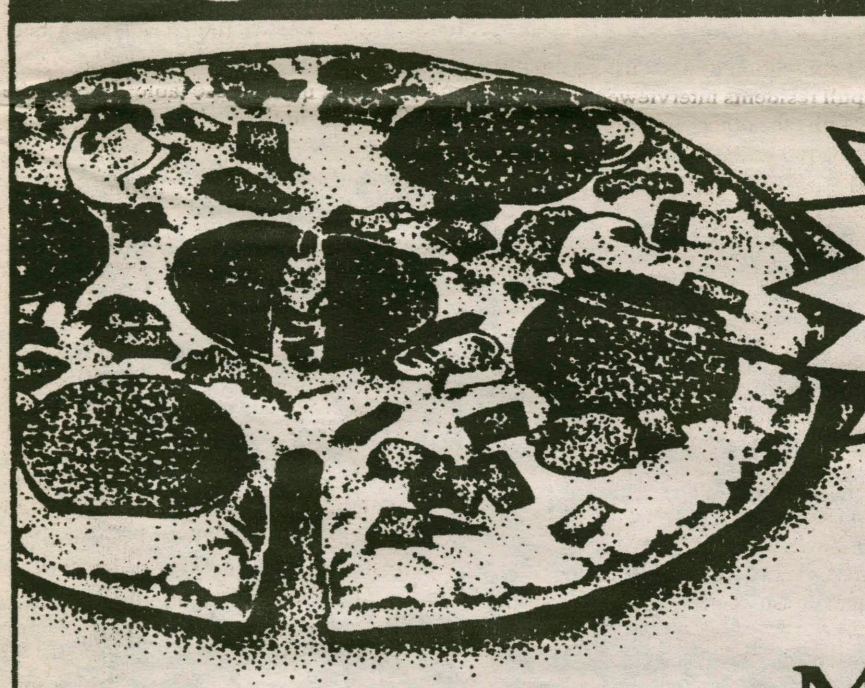

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Indiana's Bobby Knight: A Fallen Legend

In my last column, I told all of you that my articles in the future would be more upbeat. This will not be one of them. This past week, Bobby Knight broke his "zero-tolerance policy" given to him by the school he coached, Indiana University, and was subsequently fired.

Born and raised in Connecticut, I am a lifetime UConn basketball fan, but if forced to choose a second favorite team, that team would have been Indiana. I loved the way they played, I loved the way they gave their all on every play, and I loved to see on the sidelines someone so passionate about his program that he lived a little and died a little with every play.

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

A strong figure on the Indiana sideline for decades, Bob Knight wore his heart on his sleeve. It was not difficult to see where he stood every moment of every game. People labelled his coaching style anything and everything, ranging from brilliant to despicable.

Year in and year out, Knight managed to get the most he could out of state-recruited players. Knight took pride in his ability to keep players from Indiana in state.

He led his team to national championships, NCAA tournament appearances, Big Ten titles, and has successfully built Indiana University into a perennial powerhouse in college basketball.

It is difficult for someone outside the Indiana basketball world to truly appreciate how much he gave of himself, and how much greater Indiana basketball is for having had him coach there.

I am not from Indiana, nor do I claim to bleed Indiana red and white. But from Damon Bailey to Calbert Cheaney to Alan Henderson to Luke Recker to Dane Fife, though, I did follow Indiana basketball.

I cheered for Bob Knight, for his chair throwing, and for his verbal tirades. I felt that he did these because of his love for the game, and for the love of his players.

That said, the recent events surrounding his life have made me sick to my stomach. The man I idolized was documented to have choked his players, and then, with a zero-tolerance policy hanging over his head, strike an Indiana student.

Suddenly, Bobby Knight is tarnished. Sorry, tarnished does not do it justice. Bobby Knight has been destroyed, terminated. It was difficult for me to watch SportsCenter and see him just torn apart.

I still believed in him through it all until I saw his interview with Jeremy Schaap on ESPN this past Tuesday night. During this interview, the remnants of my positive impression of this man were torn apart and thrown away.

In the interview he said that he should have changed jobs before all this happened. That blew me away. Knight also whined that "zero tolerance" was never defined for him by any of the Indiana administration. I'm sorry, but isn't zero tolerance self-explanatory? Shouldn't Knight have known that there was absolutely no room for any kind of error? Apparently not.

The man acted selfish. For all the chances he was given, he still did not truly understand that he screwed up. He never once admitted that he was wrong, nor did he apologize to anyone of the many people he may have harmed.

The man actually had the audacity to sit there on national television and stubbornly deny any wrong doing. A real man would have admitted that it was wrong to choke a student, not to mention a former player, Neil Reed, an incident he also denied as being a "choking" incident.

This man is supposedly known as The General, I thought? If he was a true "general" he would have admitted his flaws and accepted the blame rather than saying he should have switched jobs when the initial zero tolerance policy was bestowed upon him back in May.

As soon as the interview was over, I turned off the TV, and tuned out Bobby Knight forever.

Sure, Bob Knight will resurface somewhere. He is too talented to never play a role in basketball again. But he has lost at least one fan that would have remained with him.

I was prepared to root for Bobby Knight no matter where he went because I believed that whatever he did wrong, he did it because he cared too much. He definitely cared too much-he cared too much for Bob Knight.

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Buffalo at NY Jets 9/17	Jets	Bills	Bills	Bills	Jets	Bills
Denver at Oakland 9/17	Broncos	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders
Minnesota at New England 9/17	Vikings	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Baltimore at Miami 9/17	Dolphins	Ravens	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Ravens
Dallas at Washington 9/18	Cowboys	Redskins	Redskins	Cowboys	Redskins	Redskins
NY Giants at Chicago 9/17	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Bears
Tampa Bay at Detroit 9/17	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs
San Francisco at St. Louis 9/17	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
Baseball						
Boston at Detroit 9/17	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Tigers	Red Sox	Red Sox
Cleveland at NY Yankees 9/17	Yankees	Yankees	Indians	Yankees	Indians	Yankees
NY Mets at Montreal 9/17	Mets	Mets	Expos	Mets	Mets	Mets
Atlanta at Arizona 9/17	Braves	Braves	Braves	Diamondbacks	Diamondbacks	Braves

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Women's Soccer blanks SUNY Potsdam in season opener

By Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

In what proved to be less than an arduous test in its season opener, the Hamilton women's soccer team defeated Potsdam 3-0 behind a dominant 44-shot attack.

"It was a good way to start for us. It's nice to get some confidence and it let's us know before we start conference play exactly where we're at and where we need to be," said Coach Melissa Eging.

The Continentals absolutely dominated on both sides of the ball, as they kept the ball deep in the Potsdam zone for nearly the entire game. The score could have been 13-0 just as easily, but it remains a good opening win for the team. The Bears managed only two shots on net as keepers Brenna Chiaputti '02 and Jen Munoz '04 picked up the combined shutout, with a save apiece. Lighting up the scoreboard for Hamilton were 1999 scoring leader Carissa Baritell '03, Amanda Siepiola '02, and Anna Arnold '04. Baritell and Siepiola combined for an extraordinary 20 shots in the win.

Baritell said, "We dominated the game. We passed well and communicated well; we just played as a unit. Our defense was phenomenal as always, they played a large role in the win. Also our coaching staff this year is excellent, and if we can work on our fitness a little bit, we should do well."

Also in the scorebook for the Conts were Jess Beeson '03, Elizabeth Hill '04, and junior transfer Whitney Kingsbury '02, who all had assists in the victory.

Julia Guastella '02, who is the team's active career scoring leader with 21 points, missed the game due to academic obligations, but said, "I think that we have a lot of potential. We have a good freshmen class, and we're starting to gel really quickly. A team usually takes much longer to start playing well together, but we already are."

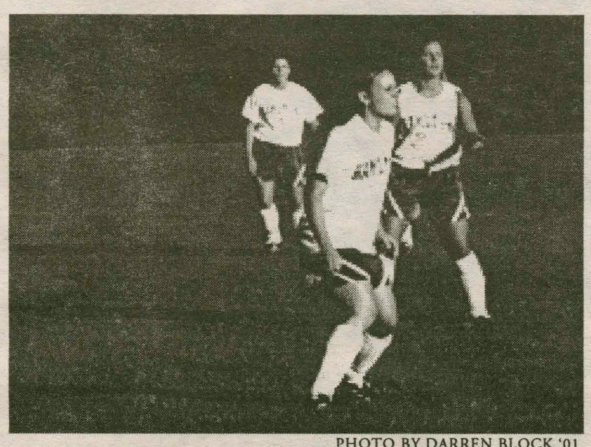

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Several Hamilton defenders prepare to pounce on an unfortunate opponent.

Hamilton took on Oswego on Tuesday, but the game was rained out only four minutes short of what would have made it an official contest. The team has a pair of games this weekend, as they travel to Clarkson on Saturday and to St. Lawrence on Sunday to start conference play.

Coach Eging added, "This weekend should be a good early-season test for us. Our goal is to be right at the top of the conference, and this weekend should be an indication of what we need to do."

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Volleyball comes up just 'short' in Ithaca Tourney

By Chris Preston '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into last weekend's road trip to the Ithaca "Bomber" Tournament, the women's volleyball team knew it was going to have to play above its heads-literally. The Continentals faced a barrage of taller teams, putting them at a distinct disadvantage. Having won one of their four games in the '99 tournament, however, the Continentals were confident that they could sneak out of Ithaca with at least one victory.

Nevertheless, victory would not come easy. In their first game the Continentals were matched up against nationally ranked Alfred College. Alfred jumped all over the Continentals in the first set, easily winning it 15-1. However, the Continentals put up quite a fight for the rest of the game, but falling just short in the last two sets for a 1-15, 13-15, 11-15 defeat.

Despite the straight set loss, the team had proven that it could compete with a nationally ranked club. Now that the "first game jitters", as middle hitter Heather Onderick '02 called them, were out of the way, the Continentals focused on achieving their first win.

They would only have to wait a few hours, as that win came in their second game of the first day (Friday), with Hamilton polishing off SUNY New Paltz in four sets (15-7, 16-18, 15-11, 15-8). They had now equaled their tournament win total of the previous year, and still had two games left to go.

Unfortunately, the win over SUNY New Paltz would be the Continentals' only victory over the weekend. The team suffered consecutive Saturday losses to Elmira (7-15, 8-15, 4-15), and to the quadruple towers of nationally ranked Savannah College of Arts and Design (3-15, 12-15, 2-15), a team which boasted one 6'3" player and three other six footers. It was a tall order to say the least.

So, the victory over SUNY New Paltz notwithstanding, was coming away from the Ithaca Tournament for a second straight year with three losses a major disappointment?

"No," Coach Susan Keller quickly responded. "We know that's a real tough tournament, with two nationally ranked teams. The team as a whole played well. I was pleased considering it was our first tournament."

Setter Ali Jackson '02 agreed, "The Ithaca Tournament is usually good competition. We played better than last year, even though we had the same record."

Indeed, there were many positives to come out of the challenging weekend. Primarily, and most impressively, the Continentals served at a jaw-dropping 94% clip, as co-captains Korey O'Malley '01 and Kara Sterling '01 led the way with a combined nine aces.

Other facets of the Continentals' game were clicking as well, especially on offense. Kate Clark '02 led the team with 40 kills over the weekend, while Leah Byrne '02 and freshman Melissa Stoos chipped in with 25 and 22 kills, respectively. Stoos also added 33 assists, second on the team behind O'Malley's whopping total of 57.

Defensively, Clark led the way with six blocked shots.

"Kate Clark dominated the net," commented Coach Keller. "Heather Onderick played well, Ali (Jackson) and Leah (Byrne) led the way with a lot of digs. We were solid all around."

O'Malley added,"94% serving was excellent, we ran all our plays well, we had great team spirit, and most importantly, we learned a lot and gained much needed experience. We are much further ahead offensively than last year."

The defense was not quite as outstanding as the offense, which had a lot to do with the considerably taller players on the other side of the net. But if there was one weakness in the Continentals' weekend attack, it was their defense.

"We definitely need some work on defense," Jackson admitted.

Judging from this past Wednesday night's result at Hartwick, it did not take long for the Continentals to fine tune that defense, as they soundly won in straight sets (15-8, 15-10, 15-6) to improve to 2-3.

Now, having started the season with five consecutive road games, the volleyball team finally makes its home debut today (Friday) in the NESCAC Quad, a tournament which includes conference rivals Williams, Connecticut College, Wesleyan, Middlebury, and Trinity.

Their fist game is at 8:00 p.m. against Williams College.

Scoreboard

Men's Soccer
0-0-1
Women's Soccer
1-0
Men's Cross Country
1-0
Women's Cross Country
1-0
Volleyball
2-3
Field Hockey
0-2
Women's Tennis
1-2
Golf
21st at Colgate Inv.
Football
0-0
Crew
0-0

Sports

Men's Soccer earns scoreless tie versus 14th-ranked Middlebury

By Andy Horner '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Often in collegiate sports, when a relatively inexperienced team squares off against an experienced team, things do not go as well for the more youthful squad. There are, of course, exceptions. Going into last Saturday's contest with fourteenth-ranked Middlebury College, the Hamilton men's soccer team was determined to be one of those exceptions.

The team brought determination, and a great deal of skill, onto the field against Middlebury, and the result was a hard-fought 0-0 tie. The game saw Hamilton's new tactical defense stymie the aggressive Middlebury passing attack, as well as stellar play by the goalkeepers for both teams. Fans attending the game witnessed an exciting contest of up-and-down soccer that was highly enjoyable to watch.

Perhaps the biggest story resulting from the game against Middlebury was the men's ability to form a cohesive unit within such a short time. Captain Chris Steed '01 was especially impressed with the level of play that the team proved themselves capable of, saying, "Although we have had such a short period of time to develop as a team, we did an excellent job of controlling the pace of the game, both offensively and defensively."

This control was the key to Hamilton's play, as they consistently kept the pressure on Middlebury's midfielders. The new, swarming tactical defense resulted in confusion on the part of Middlebury players as passing lanes were cut off and open players were obscured from the vision of the ball handler.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Andrew Paine '01 blows by a Middlebury defender in last Saturday's 0-0 tie.

The entire defense combined to prevent Middlebury from gaining scoring opportunities, as Steed also noted, "...the outside backs and central defense did a fantastic job preventing penetration of Middlebury's forwards into our eighteen-yard box."

Meanwhile, Middlebury was able to match Hamilton's defensive tenacity. Despite playing aggressively and gaining a few good scoring chances, the Hamilton forward tandem of Ernest Kwarteng '02 and Dimitry Maurice '03 was unable to score on the Middlebury keeper, whose play was superb.

However, the play of Hamilton goalie Doug Bellard '02 was just as solid. Showing that he has developed into a high-caliber goalkeeper, Bellard stopped at least three shots that seemed to be sure goals.

Coach Perry Nizzi emphasized Bellard's importance to the tie, saying, "Doug played the way that we all know he is capable of, he really came up big for us on the field."

Steed was impressed as well, saying, "Without a very solid performance from Doug, we very well may have ended up with the loss."

And so the season has begun with a positive statement from the Hamilton squad. The Middlebury game truly serves as a notice that the team can overcome their inexperience, and that they are certainly capable of playing competitive soccer with any Division III school.

Furthermore, for the first time since Coach Nizzi has been at Hamilton, the team will not start out the season with a string of losses. This will bring confidence, and with confidence will come even more competitive play.

With a highly skilled starting lineup, including two freshmen, as well as a bench consisting of players who can make large contributions, this team has limitless potential. The thing that will be most exciting to watch over the coming weeks is how quickly they will realize that.

Field Hockey team competitive in two early losses

By Louisa Smith '01
SPORTS WRITER

Last Sunday, the field hockey team played a tough season opener against nationally-ranked Ithaca College. Coming off a productive preseason, the Continentals were excited to start their season against a competitive team.

However, Hamilton players had to overcome several obstacles. First, Ithaca had already played two games and won one. The game experience and previous victory gave them the confidence and awareness that the Continentals did not yet have.

Youth was another roadblock. Hamilton has a young team this year with only three seniors and seven freshmen. Ithaca has many older players with more extensive college playing experience.

Injuries were a final challenge for the team when captain Rebeckah Iseman '01 sprained her ankle and couldn't play for the duration of the second half. However, Erin Turcot '04 took Iseman's placed and proved to be a major asset for the team.

Other key players were mid-fielder Courtney Higgins '03 and Captain Jenne Atherton '01. Goalie Sarah Baldwin '04 started her college field hockey career strong by keeping Ithaca's score low despite many shots on goal.

Forward Christina Freyre '02 also made important contributions by scoring in all three of the team's goals against Ithaca.

Unfortunately for the Continentals, the three goals were not enough to beat a relentless Ithaca squad, who eventually pulled away for an 8-3 victory.

Despite the loss, Coach Karen Hollands viewed this game as a "good learning experience, with many valuable lessons."

Hollands wanted to start the season with a tough opponent to see how the team would fair.

As Colleen Traskos '02 noted, "Now we know what we are up against and the level we need to be at." The team plans to use the loss against Ithaca as a starting point to improve and build upon.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Becky Iseman '01 scrambles for position against an Ithaca player.

The second half of the game showed that the Continentals can definitely improve fast. The Continentals outscored the Ithaca Bombers in the second half as only one out of the eight goals scored by Ithaca were put in during the second half.

Jess White '02 summarized the team's performance, saying, "We team started off slow and a little panicky, but by the second half we stepped up our game and finished up strong even though the score says otherwise."

Jen Russell '02 noted, "If we could have erased the first half of the game and played both halves like we played the second, we would have played a much better game."

On Wednesday, the Continentals played their second game of the season at home against SUNY Oswego. And although the game against Oswego ended with a 1-0 loss, the team showed vast improvement and played an exciting game.

The Continentals came together and dominated the field for the majority of the game. A shot on goal assisted by Higgins was discarded because it was hit from outside of the shooting circle, ending the second half in a scoreless tie.

Freyre got aggressive in overtime and it looked like the game was going to be hers. Unfortunately, Oswego got a break and scored a quick goal, ending Hamilton's dominance in sudden death.

Hamilton hopes to get their first win this Saturday against SUNY Geneseo at 4:00 on the new field.

Football anxious for scrimmage against Tufts

By Jim Driggs '01
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

After three weeks of conditioning, weight-lifting, meetings, and practices, the Hamilton College football team finally gets to test their skills against real competition. This Saturday the Continentals will travel to Williamstown, Massachusetts to scrimmage the Jumbos of Tufts University.

Williams College will be the site of the scrimmage because it is a halfway point for both schools. Saturday should be a good test, and many of the players are anxious to see where they stand.

Fullback Chris Weeden '02 and inside linebacker Joe Mearn '02 are both excited about this Saturday's game. "After practicing against each other for three weeks it's finally nice to go against some different faces. As a team I think we're coming along real nice."

The NESCAC grants each football program one preseason game against a team they will not face during the regular season. The regular season consists of eight games, all of which are against other NESCAC schools.

Hamilton opens its regular season at Amherst on September 23, followed by another road trip to Wesleyan on the 30th.

The first home game takes place on Ocotber 7, alumni weekend, against NESCAC rival Williams College.